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14. (Unclassified - GLC) Called Mildred Ward, in the office of Senator John Stennis, and asked her about the Wednesday briefings for the Senator. She said the Senator wanted someone to come up every Wednesday at 9:40 a.m. until 10:15 a.m. in his office in the Capitol, Room S 240. I told her I would be there starting 26 February since a world wrapup briefing has been scheduled for the full Senate Armed Services Committee next Wednesday, 19 February.

15. (Internal Use Only - PLC) Met with Jim Guirard, Administrative Assistant to Senator Russell B. Long (D., La.), and picked up his letter to Mr. Cary proposing that the Agency explore an idea that he has to expose the fact that Communists believe that a person does not have a soul. His letter attached a study prepared by the Library of Congress in this regard and a letter from Guirard to an official of the Catholic Church suggesting that the Church exploit this position. Guirard feels that this approach can be used effectively by anti-Communists in the upcoming elections in Portugal. I told him that I

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16. (Unclassified - PLC) Delivered to the office of Representative Patsy T. Mink (D., Hawaii) a letter from the Director replying partially to her inquiry to the Agency as to whether we had any information in our files concerning her, her family, or members of her staff.

17. (Internal Use Only - PLC) Met briefly with Jim Kronfeld, on the staff of the newly established Subcommittee on Government Information and Privacy, House Government Operations Committee. He alerted me that hearings on H.R. 2635, a bill introduced by Representative Bella S. Abzug (D., N. Y.) to strike the Agency's exemption in the Privacy Act of 1974, would be held probably in April. He confirmed that Chairman Jack Brooks' (D., Tex.) Subcommittee on Legislation and National Security will assume full jurisdiction in any matters involving CIA except for matters involving the Privacy Act and Freedom of Information, which will be oversight responsibilities for Representative Abzug's Subcommittee. Kronfeld gave me a rundown of the membership for the Subcommittees (see Memorandum for the Record).

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9. (Confidential - GLC) Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee, called to see if the Director would be available on 19 February for a world wrapup briefing of the full Senate Armed Services Committee. I told Braswell that the Director was available.

I asked Braswell if he knew anything about the congressional delegation going to Vietnam and he said Secretary of Defense Schlesinger was on the Hill the other day with a list of people to invite to go, but Braswell did not know of anyone who has accepted.

I mentioned that the Chairman has requested a briefing every Wednesday at 9:40 a.m. to keep him informed on "latest developments" and that I would be the one meeting with him. Braswell said this would be helpful and he felt it best that Stennis be briefed and then the staff filled in later.

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10. (Confidential - GLC) [REDACTED] NIO/ME, called and said he has suggested to Sidney Sober, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs, that Sober tell Senator Percy he had informed CIA of the Senator's request for the study on [REDACTED]. Sober agreed to do this. I told Hoskinson that I would be in touch with Scott Cohen and see what arrangements can be worked out for us to get together with the Senator. (See Journal of 11 February.)

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11. (Unclassified - GLC) Guy McConnell, Senate Appropriations Committee staff, called and said he had a package to be picked up. It was a copy of the GAO letter to Senator Proxmire on the GAO audit of CIA.

12. (Confidential - GLC) Robert Old, Senate Armed Services Committee staff, called to say he had missed the first part of the Director's briefing of the Arms Control Subcommittee yesterday and asked if I would give him a paper listing the "five points." He said he was really asking for this for Senator Dewey Bartlett who found all of this a bit difficult to understand as it is all new to him. I told Old I had invited Bartlett out for a breakfast briefing with the Director and perhaps Carl Duckett and would be following up on that invitation with David Russell, of Bartlett's staff. Old asked if he could be included in the invitation and I was non-committal.

13. (Unclassified - GLC) Called David Russell, in the office of Senator Dewey Bartlett, but he is out of the city until Sunday. I will call again next week.

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